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SUBJ: FAO FOOD NEEDS ASSESMENTS

FREETOWN FOR MCADAMS

ROME FOR FODAG

REF: STATE 203572

1. PER BRIEF MEETING WITH FAO TEAM OCT 12, ASSESSED
GOS NEEDS ARE FOR MINIMUM 25,000 MTS TO MAXIMUM 60,000 MTS
OF GRAIN IN NEW DONOR PLEDGES. HIGH FIGURE IS GOS REQUEST
BUT TEAM RECOMMENDS MINIMUM LEVEL AS MORE REALISTIC OMW.
REASONING IS THAT 25,000 MTS FROM DONORS PLUS GOS
INTENTION PURCHASE 25,000 MTS OF NEW HARVEST FOR FREE DISTRI-
BUTION IN HARDEST
FLEUVE AREA REGIONS SHOULD MEET MINIMAL
NEED. IN ADDITION, GOS WILL REFINE CURRENT CROP FIGURES
AND WILL PROVIDE THAT DATA TO WFP REP.

COMMENT:

2. DEPENDING ON DETAILS FAO REPORT AND HARDER DATA ON
ACTUAL GRAIN AND PEANUT PRODUCTION LEVELS BY REGION (WHERE
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PROSPECTS NOW RANGE FROM EXCELLENT TO NEAR WIPE OUT IN

SECTIONS OF NORTHERN REGIONS), US AND OTHER DONORS MIGHT
CONSIDER ASSISTING GOS BY FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF 25,000
MTS GRAIN LOCALLY IN SURPLUS REGIONS TO COMPLEMENT GOS'
PURCHASE OF SAME AMOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION IN HARD HIT ONES.
THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE MORE ECONOMICAL FROM DONORS' STAND-
POINT AND WOULD PROVIDE REAL BOOST TO RURAL ECONOMY.
WILL ADVISE WHEN REVISED FIRM PRODUCTION DATA AVAILABLE AND WE CAN
SEE WHETHER WE HAVE SUCH AN OPTION, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
AID/W'S PRELIMINARY REACTION THERETO.
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